

BUY IT HERE AND EARLY IS SLOGAN

Merchants Stock Up With Complete Lines to Prepare for Record-Smashing Holiday Rush.

OPEN NIGHTS CHRISTMAS WEEK

Business Men Will Meet Soon to Definitely Decide on Date, But Dec. 20 Is Time Urged.

"Buy It in Rock Island; It's Here—And Buy It Early."

That's the slogan adopted by the Rock Island merchants with the opening of the holiday shopping season. Local stores are well stocked with a large assortment to choose from. "Buy it in Rock Island and buy it now," is the plea of the merchants to the Christmas shoppers who soon will be descending on the stores in thousands. It is probable that the stores in the business section of the city will start to keep open evenings on Dec. 20, the Monday preceding Christmas. This, however, will be definitely decided at a meeting of the Rock Island Business Men's association to be held within a few days. W. S. McCombs, president of the organization, said today that he would call a meeting shortly and that the evening opening question would be considered.

"I don't think that we will keep open evenings earlier than Christmas week," Mr. McCombs said. "It's altogether different now than it used to be. Conditions have changed so that it is not necessary to keep the stores open nights weeks before Christmas to accommodate the shoppers. It doesn't take all day to travel 40 or 50 miles now, with transportation facilities here. Those folks who can't get down to the stores in the day time can do their shopping on Saturday evenings, or else on the nights of Christmas week."

Are Buying Early. That Rock Island people are obeying the "Buy Early" slogan is the belief of the president of the Business Men's association. "The people are buying

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FRENCHMEN HERE TO BUY MACHINERY GET U. S. LAWYER TO GUARD INTERESTS



Left: M. Damour (top) and G. Couffour. Right: Y. Lasseur (top) and E. Delesalle. Center: Paul Fuller.

France has sent to the United States representatives charged with the task of arranging to build up her manufacturing plants, many of which have been destroyed in the war. These factories formerly equipped with German machinery will be fitted with American machinery after the war and the French Trade Commission is here to arrange for its purchase. Members of the commission, together with a new photograph of Paul Fuller, their American legal advisor, are shown above.

earlier than usual this year," said Mr. McCombs. "Our sales this year so far are far ahead of former years and today the shoppers have shown that they are buying in larger quantities than in any other year recently."

That Rock Island merchants are anticipating heavier holiday sales than heretofore is evidenced by the large stocks of Christmas goods on display in all of the business houses. Merchants have purchased heavily this year and the sales thus far have satisfied them that they will completely dispose of their holiday goods.

Mr. McCombs said: "I think that most of the stores have stocked up heavily for the Christmas trade. We have. We anticipate bigger sales this year than any in the past and from sales made to date everything indicates that the buying will be more extensive than ever before."

All of the stores are beginning to employ extra clerks in anticipation of the holiday rush. Prices are being printed and written on every article for the convenience of the shoppers. Additional counters and display cases are being installed in many of the stores and everything placed in readiness for last minute attack of the late shoppers.

WOMAN CLAIMS HER PURSE WAS STOLEN

Mrs. Stephen T. Murphy, 1026 Sixteenth street, lost a pocketbook containing \$41.55 in the Woolworth Five and Ten Cent store Wednesday afternoon, or else she was the victim of a pickpocket. A young man who was standing near her when she first discovered her loss was detained by the police, but the purse was not found on him when searched. Mrs. Murphy claims that her handbag was picked. The police today said they are seeking a woman who is thought to have picked the pocketbook from the floor, where it had fallen from Mrs. Murphy's handbag.

HAMLET

Mrs. Glen Boultinghouse gave a shower in honor of Miss Elsie Kimball Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peters visited Sunday and Monday with Mr. Peters' mother at Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex DeBord are the parents of a baby daughter born Tuesday.

Misses Bessie Cooper and Sara Crabs spent their Thanksgiving vacation with home folks.

Miss Faye Campbell visited the last of the week with James Bloomer and family of Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gray were given a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gray Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Andrew DeBord and Mrs. Will Whisman of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, came Tuesday afternoon to help care for their new granddaughter at the home of Alex DeBord.

A bazaar and supper will be held at the home of George Gray Friday night of this week. This will be a good opportunity to buy Christmas presents.

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MAYOR OF QUINCY OUTLINES PLANS

Speaking Before Waterway Convention Idea of Railway and River Terminal Explained.

TO BE OWNED BY MUNICIPALITY

What Is To Be First Unit in Great System Is Described Clearly by Speaker.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 2.—Plans for the first unit of a big river and railway terminal system and which the city of Quincy proposes to build, were described yesterday before the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association convention by William K. Abbott, mayor of this city. He argued that similar projects should be undertaken by other river municipalities. After detailing the manner in which interest in revival of water traffic was aroused here, Mayor Abbott said in part:

"A committee, known as the Joint River Terminals committee, composed jointly of business men and city officials, approved plans which contemplate the erection of a seawall 350 feet long, elevated to a point sufficiently above low-water mark to be reasonably secure from a floodstage of the river; the filling in of the shore side of the wall to the height of the same, the construction of a modern freight house, equipped with electric trucks of capacity adapted to handling the various bulks and weights of such freight of this character as may be received, by means of which said freight can be easily and rapidly conveyed to and from an electrically operated freight package elevator built in the seawall, which will receive the truck with its load and raise or lower it to the deck of the vessel. This is particularly for the handling of package freight."

Crane Move Freight.

"Bulk freight is to be taken care of by a traveling crane of 25 tons capacity, moving on its own tracks, about five hundred feet in length, with sufficient length of beam to place load wherever required in barge or vessel. A locomotive crane with bucket 1½ cubic yards capacity for handling coal, sand, gravel and like commodities is also being considered as part of the equipment. This locomotive would be available for switching freight cars over the terminal tracks to the places for loading and unloading."

"The terminal's tracks will connect with mainline tracks, thus affording direct communication with other points and also with other switching tracks, so that car-loads of freight may be exchanged between the terminal and any point in the city equipped with switching facilities."

"Much thought is also being given to the feasibility of constructing a belt line encircling the city and connecting directly with the water terminals. This would open up a large territory which could be utilized for factory and mill sites."

"It is also being pointed out in connection with this belt line that this being a part of the terminal facilities proposition, it would be possible or even feasible for the city to own and operate its own switch engines with which to move the cars from point to point on the belt line and to and from the terminal. In the opinion of the joint committee it would be advisable that the ownership and control of all these utilities be vested in the city."

"This river terminal is only a unit in a series along the city's entire water front, which it is hoped will be but the first step in a plan of providing joint terminal facilities to meet the new transportation problems which are rapidly developing since the opening of the Panama canal. Quincy's manufacturing interests as well as those of every other city in this great valley are seriously threatened by the changed conditions resulting from this great achievement. Reduced freight rates at these interior points to meet the low rates prevailing at the seaboard must be obtained or commercial stagnation will ensue. The alternative is utilization of the means nature has so generously provided to meet this emergency, the waterways."

Should Be City Owned.

"It is said by some that the persons or companies operating the large lines of the future will provide their own loading and unloading apparatus and cities therefore will not be compelled to furnish modern terminals. Before deciding on a do-nothing policy, however, two things should be considered:

"First, a company operating for profit would not be sufficiently compensated by the revenue it might receive at reduced rates, from chance freight picked up at the ordinary landing places along the river, and a higher rate would consequently prevail or even an absolute refusal to handle such merchandise would result."

"Second, should a company be permitted to erect a modern terminal, it would not only monopolize the shipping of the town, but interest, maintenance, depreciation and large profits would preclude the idea of minimum rates such as municipally owned plants would enjoy, to say nothing of the mistaken policy of permitting the ownership of a valuable asset such as this would be to pass from the municipality to a private corporation."

"The Quincy joint committee therefore will, at the proper time, request the legislative body of the city to submit a proposition to the people to issue bonds in the amount required to build the first unit of the joint river terminal system planned for this city. This amount is estimated at approximately \$75,000. This does not provide for purchase of right of way but the importance of city ownership of the right of way along the river front is fully realized and measures have already been taken to acquire it." Resolutions passed by the conven-

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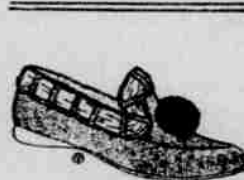


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